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Vermont's direct state tax has driven several Vermont towns above the \$3 tax rate. All of them ought to be making plans to get below that mark again once the direct state tax is removed.

Isn't there a treaty with Timbuctoo or some other place which the esteemed senators can haul out of obscurity and charge President Wilson with suppressing? We fear there are some lost opportunities.

Applications for location of a proposed state normal school are being made in large numbers. If there are any of the 247 cities and towns of Vermont which would not like to have the state normal school located in their midst let them stand up and be counted.

If the Japanese and Chinese could be prevented from coming to war after a clash between nationals, in which the casualties ran up into the scores, then there is hope that the war spirit of the world is dying out. Ordinarily that clash would have been considered the signal for Japan to spring at China's throat.

We sincerely hope that there will be no occasion to put those anti-influenza remedies into use but we are reminded that it is almost the first anniversary of that melancholy fall of 1918 and are, therefore, prepared to join in the warning which is being made by some of our contemporaries. Keep dry is one of the most important adjurations.

It is rather difficult to understand why the troops sent into Chicago were not used before the crest of the race war rioting had passed. The troops were mobilized two days after the rioting commenced but they were not put into action until two days afterward. In the meantime the rioting mounted to alarming proportions and with the police apparently unable to cover the affected areas. Then when the spirit of race enmity seemed to subside the troops were utilized. It seems to have been an odd situation.

The little town of Townshend in southern Vermont, the home of ex-President Taft's ancestors, receives a windfall in the shape of a gift of a town hall to replace the \$8,000 structure which was burned a short time ago. The town will, of course, accept the gift and after having accepted the gift it ought to expend a considerable part of the town's money which would have gone into the new town hall for the purpose of repairing and rebuilding its roads. Just because Townshend had one burden lifted it should not slump back and refuse to do anything on its own initiative.

As far as one was able to judge by the testimony presented in Chittenden county court and the arguments of the lawyers in the case, the verdict of guilty of manslaughter in the Aruzza case from Winooski and the sentence of 10 years at hard labor in the state prison at Windsor were an exact meeting out of justice. The element of self-defense seems to have entered into the homicide and when that is proven by the evidence it comes pretty near like a necessity for

the jury to bring in a manslaughter verdict instead of murder in the first or second degree. Judge Moulton, in imposing sentence, declared that he was inclined to leniency on the ground that the convicted man had a wife and four children, but a term of 10 years is, to our mind, neither a lenient sentence nor a hard sentence. It is just about half-way between one that fits the crime. Justice is satisfied.

Two Brattleboro automobilists have sued each other in the sum of \$200, each claiming the other was responsible for a collision between the machines of the two men. It would be a fine plan for these two men to engage an arbitrator of their own accord and agree to abide by his decision, thereby saving the state of Vermont a large bill of expense just to try a petty argument and thereby saving one or the other of them a sizeable bill for legal services. They might go to a man of undoubted probity and soundness of judgment and present their evidence in as clear manner as possible. Perhaps few men would desire this task of arbitrator even at a good stipend but providing they could find a man of approved stamp a recourse to that method of settling a dispute is highly commendable.

MOTOR COURTESY AND DECENCY.

Tourists from out of the state who strive to give other cars all reasonable room in the road and then get crowded off the road and down an embankment will be inclined to remember their Vermont experiences with repugnance and will not be likely to repeat their visit to the Green Mountain state. A party from Pennsylvania went through that trying experience on the main highway between Montpelier and East Montpelier this week. The Pennsylvanians turning out as far as the road seemed to warrant to let an approaching car pass and being forced onto soft ground and then down a slight embankment, the car turning on its side and being damaged considerably although none of its occupants was injured, fortunately. To cap the climax of the discourtesy of crowding, the other car maintaining its speed, never stopping to see how the people in the overturned car fared, being soon lost in a cloud of dust, while the Pennsylvanians got out of the wreck as best they could and then had to spend a great deal of time to extricate their car.

The reports do not show who was the driver of the speeding car, whether Vermont or not; but the occurrence was a very poor specimen of courtesy whoever it was and was of the stamp which should not be repeated in common decency. Vermont's roads—the most of them—have the reputation of being narrow and not always well constructed and properly protected in hazardous places so that considerable care needs to be exercised in operating motor vehicles. This condition is particularly trying to motorists from out of the state who are, of course, unfamiliar with the nature of the highways. Therefore, it would be a decent policy on the part of local motorists at least to show consideration and at least be good enough to help out in an emergency similar to that which occurred on the Montpelier-East Montpelier road. Surely we do not care to have Vermont acquire the reputation of inhospitality in this respect.

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Hint to Bridge Widowers.

"DON'T KILL YOUR WIFE—Let the Eden Washer and Winger do the dirty work. Etc., etc. P. M. Carr, Barre, Vermont."—From the w. k. Times.

The Col. is about to abandon its customary poets' competition in favor of something less prolific than the annual crop of amateur verse, and more appealing to that large clientele which finds it difficult to distinguish between poesy and drivel.

A reader who confesses to a degree of impatience with previous efforts of various Col. verse carpenters sighs for the good old-fashioned colyum that specialized in original limericks. But upon being discouraged by ye limerick-weary conductor, she consented to recommend a go at similes. And so the simile goes.

A handsome lambequin for the first prize, a prism chandelier for No. 2, and a set of wax fruit for the third best simile. Entries should be addressed to The Col. Editor; judges to be announced three days before last entry is received.

To the less tutored among The Col.'s regular competitors, one or two historic similes will be sampled.

Irvin Cobb, widely recognized as an arch-practitioner among free-hand similes, curiously enough emerged from obscurity when he ejaculated this one: "No more privacy than a goldfish." Like the seven cities which claimed Homer, lpts of less famous Corona-hounds have been willing to adopt this baby as their own.

Distinguished Ford jokes of long lineage point to the simile as one of their proudest sires. Chauncey M. Depew, who contributed not only similes and after-dinner speeches, but an esoteric variety of facial alfalfa to the gaiety of nations, is responsible for this one: "The Ford machine is like a bathtub. Everybody wants one, but nobody wants to be seen in it." The fact that Mr. Depew referred to it as a machine testifies to the great age of this simile.

Songs of a certain sage, to go far back of the Age of Jazz, echo down the w. k. corridors with such as this: "Thy lips are like a thread of scarlet."

Enough of citations—and, in closing, let it be said that more mature readers who on the advice of their physicians habitually eschew noise and excitement of colyum contests, are invited to contribute leisurely sought examples of that fine old figure of speech, the simile.

Did They Sting Him in the End?

Saturday our man was taking, when Dorcas saw him through the lens give a couple of jumps and start for the house. Well, it was hornets and he had a couple down his shirt collar. If he could run in a race as he did to the house the prize would certainly be his. Great pushing qualities in a hornet!—Felcherville item.

A Message of Hope for Unregenerate Railbirds.

Dawson McGregor, who at one time

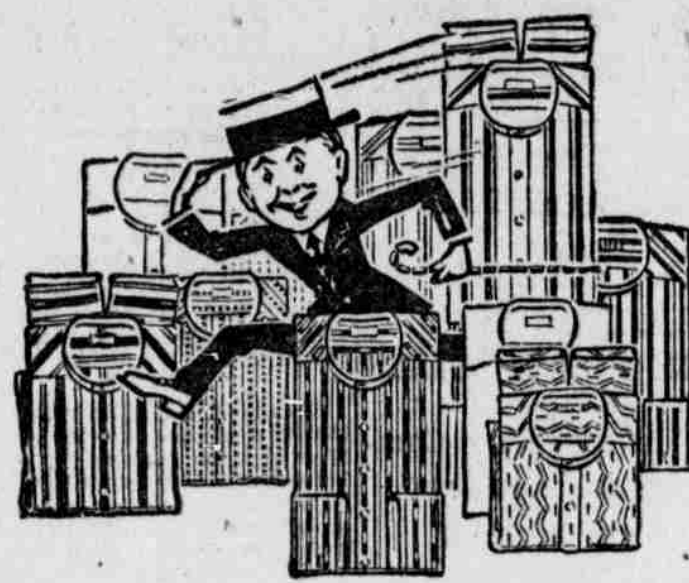
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"Young widow woman wants washing at home."—The wantads. Quick, Watson, the traffic squad.

"Very often it comes our way to send him customers, even from out of town, and I suppose he appreciated it, and so did we take surprise, as, as a rule nowadays one can be doing all the good turns you have a mind to and there it ends."—From the morning's mail.

Cavendish Reaches Out.

With a brotherhood community banquet last Tuesday evening, a picture show and dance Friday evening, and a picture show Saturday evening, it looks as if little "dead and gone to seed" Cavendish had started to grow some of those seeds. A real dance with an orchestra is planned, so it looks as if, with the exception of having no lettuce and some water in the winter, we are as progressive as the suburb.—Cavendish item.

Tain't the Town, It's You.

If you want to live in the kind of a town. Like the kind of a town you like, You needn't slip your clothes in a grip And start on a long, long hike. You'll only find what you left behind, For there's nothing that's really new. It's a knock at yourself when you knock your town, It isn't your town—it's you.

—Continued.

What has become of the old-fashioned farm mother who used to put over two kinds of pie for breakfast?

Nimble, There, on the Observation Trigger!

While driving a cow to market one sultry day last week, Edward Morris was surprised to have her drop dead while passing the cemetery. Chas. Perkins, driving by in his car at the time, was astonished to have a wheel drop off and precede him along the road. Numerous passers thought the car and cow

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